

Marriage Bond
Jeremiah Risley, Jr., to Margaret Doughty
4 MAY 1758

Transcribed by:

Carla Welsh, the 6th great-granddaughter of Jeremiah and Margaret Risley (nee Doughty)

Jeremiah Risley, Jr., was born 14 DEC 1734, Great Egg Harbor aka Egg Harbor Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, and died 24 JUN 1796, in the same place as aforementioned. He was the son of Jeremiah and Dinah Risley (nee Gale), grandson of Richard and Rebecca Risley (nee Adams), and great-grandson of Richard Risley, the immigrant, who came to the New World from England during the 17th Century, and was one of the founders of Hartford, Connecticut.

Margaret Doughty was the daughter of Edward Doughty, and she was born 3 MAR 1734, and died 14 JUN 1796. Both her father and her brother were bondsmen for her marriage bond.

Birth and death dates for Jeremiah and Margaret are copied from the Risley family bible. See: Gloucester County Historical Society and Atlantic County Historical Society for more Risley information. Also see Bible Records of Atlantic County, New Jersey, Vol. 1, by Sarah A. Risley, Pleasantville, NJ, *FamilySearch.org*:

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/426709-bible-records-of-atlantic-county-new-jersey-vol->

A copy of the marriage bond is in possession of the author. It is scanned digitally to *FamilySearch.org* as a locked record, so one must go to a Family History Center or affiliated library to view it. See:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004836073> and go to image 812 of 1124. DGS #4836073.

The marriage bond is at New Jersey State Archives, see: Colonial Marriage Bonds, 1665-1799, Jeremiah Risley, Jr., to Margaret Doughty of Gloucester County, 10 MAY 1758, Reference: R (1735-1791) : 109. Of note, the author has a copy of the marriage bond, and the date is 4 MAY 1758. "Fourth" was written in cursive, and it clearly says "Fourth," so the indexer at New Jersey State Archives has it indexed wrong and confused it as "Tenth," when it was the FOURTH day, NOT the TENTH day.

Marriage Bond Transcription:

Know all Men by these presents That We, Edward Doughty, Edward Doughty, Jr., Both of Egg Harbour in the County of Gloucester, Yeomen, are holden ____ stand justly indebted unto The Honourable John ____ Esquire, Commander in Chief of the Province of New Jersey, in the Sum of 500 Pounds of current Lawful Money of New Jersey, to be paid to his said Honour, the Commander in Chief, his Successors or Assigns, for which Payment, well and truly to be made and done, We do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and every of them Joyntly and Severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals, Dated this 4th Day of May Anno Domini 1758.

The Condition of this Obligation is such That whereas the above bounden Edward Doughty, Edward Doughty, Jr., hath obtained Licence of Marriage for Jerimiah Risley, Jr., of the one Party, and for Margaret Doughty, Spinster, of the other Party. Now if it shall not hereafter appear, that they the said Jerimiah Risley and Margaret Doughty have any lawful Let or Impediment of Precontract, Affinity or Consanguinity, to hinder their being joined in the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and afterwards their living together as Man and Wife; then this obligation to be void, or else to stand and remain in full Force and Virtue.

Signed:

Edward Doughty

Edward Doughty, Junr.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

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